

POULTRY PACKED FOR CITY TRADE

Producers Must Carefully Study and Cater to Peculiar Requirements of Market.

NEAT PACKAGE IS ESSENTIAL

Specialists of Department of Agriculture Give Directions for Killing, Dressing and Packing—Dry Picking Favored.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Poultry profits often depend largely on the marketing, and the producer should study demands to learn how, where, and when to dispose of his products. It is well to have a plan of action to dress the fowl at home, often pay to dress the fowl at home, for certain markets, the difference between the prices for live and dressed fowl making it well worth the trouble.

Another important factor is of much importance in selling poultry; therefore, the producer who plans to market his poultry dressed should study the details of killing, dressing and packing, in order to get the maximum profits. The most possible number of requirements for dressing and packing vary somewhat in different markets, and it will pay the producer to learn any special demands of the distributing points to which he proposes to sell.

Killing, Dressing, and Packing.

The birds should be kept without feed from 18 to 24 hours before killing, unless they are to be drawn, specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture say. The birds should have no feed for at least 18 hours before killing. When ready to kill, suspend the fowl by the legs and, using a knife, cut the vein at the back of the neck. The blood will run out of the knife through the roof of the mouth into the brain, which causes the bird to lose all sense of feeling. The fowl can be paralized also by cutting the head, instead of plucking the brain.

In most markets dry-picked birds are preferred. Immediately after killing, while the bird is still bleeding, the picker removes the feathers, being careful not to tear the skin. The picker waits until the bird is nearly



dead, removing the feathers will be more difficult. As soon as plucked, the fowl should be hung in a cool place until thoroughly dressed. If the fowl is warm, and the feathers are to be plucked in ice, the fowl should be placed in a tank of ice water and left until all the animal heat has left the body.

When birds are scalped before removing the feathers, they should be immersed in water slightly below the boiling point, as soon as they are through bleeding. The birds should be immersed three or four times and then picked clean, care being taken not to overdo, as this will cause the outer surface of the skin to rub off. Then it is placed in cold water, where it should remain for 15 to 20 minutes. It can then be shipped dry should it be hung until the skin becomes thoroughly dry.

Poultry which is to be sold dressed to the consumer should be drawn before it is cooled. Poultry which is sold to the packer should not be drawn, as it will keep better if not drawn. It will keep better if it is warm, and the fowl should be packed in ice, the fowl should be hung until the skin becomes thoroughly dry.

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Should Be Packed Solidly.

The fowls have been thought to be easily handled, they are ready for packing. Packages for dressed poultry vary, but they should be neat and small enough to be easily handled. Inside the boxes or barrels with clean, unprinted paper, and packed in ice, the fowl should not shift in the package, but be careful not to bruise them. For delivery to retail customers, pasteboard boxes of the right size and one or two birds are very attractive. Native trees and shrubs and those known by trial to be fit for packing, fowl barrels are generally used, packing them in layers to fit the locality are the best to use.

Hand Task for Cows.

Making bricks without straw wasn't any harder task for the children of Israel than it is for cows to make good milk without plenty of pure drinking water.

Rich Feed for Horses.

Horses worked very hard require rich feed. As a rule, too, the richer the feed the easier it may be digested.

Prepare for Eggs.

Hatch early and get eggs next winter.

The use of a lime distributor is the most convenient method of applying lime. Some forms may be applied through the fertilizer attachment of the grain drill.

Some of the things essential to keep clean are the cows, the stables, the surroundings, the utensils, the milkers and the places where you keep the milk and the cream.

Wash Clothes Separately. Wash silk and woolen clothes separately.

COWPEAS FIRST USED AS FOOD FOR HUMANS

Earliest

Published

Record in America Was in 1798.

Plant at Present Is Best Known and Extensively Grown Leguminous Crop in Southern States—Grows in North.

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The cowpea is undoubtedly a native of Central Africa. A wild plant differing little from the cultivated cowpea grows throughout much of that continent. A variety of this plant and the cultivated cowpea are readily obtained. The cultivated cowpea consists of three main groups—the asparagus bean, the catjang, and the common bean. The cowpea is a common but connected through intermediate varieties. The cowpea is the most important of the three groups.

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ADS BEAUTY TO FARM HOME

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Use of Tints and Colors

Best Judgment Should Be Used in Selecting Shades That Suit the Complexion.

A girl with delicate, glowing and transparent skin should choose shades, rather than colors, lest she detract from the delicacy of nature's endowments; whereas the girl with the clear olive skin and sun-kissed complexion should choose rich and intense colors that challenge her own.

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New Knitted Dresses.

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Long-Waited Dresses.

Long-waited dresses are still considered very smart.

IN LATEST WRAPS

Picturesque Garments for Afternoon and Evening.

Vogue for Dance-Tees and Restaurant Parties Creates Demand for Attractive Apparel.

Picturesque wraps—for afternoon as well as evening—are immensely popular this year. The ever increasing variety of styles and materials parties may be answerable for this. Certain it is that the fashions of the present hour are extremely decorative—and becoming.

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